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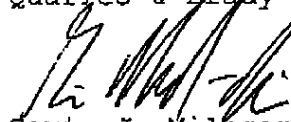
In the above-cited Office Action, the Examiner has communicated a restriction requirement between two groups identified as: Group I (drawn to a filter element fixation piece; claims 1-12) and Group II (drawn to a method of making a filter; claims 13-15).

The Applicant, through the undersigned attorney, hereby elects to prosecute Group II. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-12 are now ready for examination on the merits.

No fee is believed to be due with this response. Should there be any unforeseen costs, please charge our Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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